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M'Carthy Hits CIA Cover

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy said Tuesday night that educational institutions and their faculties should not serve as covers for the central intelligence agency.

Speaking in Minneapolis, he said, "A university is involved in contemporary problems and in contemporary history. Consequently the university must be prepared to defend its integrity and its specific

function in society on a day-to-day basis."

The intellectual community no longer has the protection of time and distance, he said, in order to stand apart from the centers of power in society and pass a reserved kind of judgment on the procedures of its own age.

McCarthy, a former high school and college teacher, said threats to the integrity of a university have two causes.

"The first is a change in the method of supporting the university and its work," he said. "The earlier commitment was a general one to the institution itself, leaving it for the most part free to use the funds according to its own determinations."

A growing tendency to specialize in private and govern-

ment support and a consequent competition for funds, prestige and research projects can unbalance a university and destroy its position of detachment and independence, he said.

Of the second cause, McCarthy said, "It (a university) is expected not only to provide government and society with information and data of immediate applicability, but also to pass judgment — scientific, historical, psychological, moral and social — affecting current decisions."

McCarthy spoke to the 62d annual meeting of the board and membership of the University of Minnesota Alumni association in the Pick-Niclet hotel.

A 1939 master of arts graduate, McCarthy was honored during the meeting with the university's Outstanding Achievement award, the highest alumni honor.

Donald G. Fletcher, president of the Crop Quality council, also received an Outstanding Achievement award. The awards were presented by O. Meredith Wilson, university president.

Also honored with Alumni Service awards for contributions to university alumni work were: Lawrence S. Clark, Minneapolis, executive vice president of the Twin City Hardwood Lumber Co.; Mark M. Abbott, a municipal judge in International Falls; and Franklin D. Gray, a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Cant, Haverstock, Beardsley, Gray & Plant.